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CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE SET FOR DECEMBER 22

Several activities are planned for Thursday afternoon, December 22, in observance of the Christmas holiday. The tree that the Welfare and Recreation Association annually installs and decorates in the Library's Great Hall will be lighted for the occasion.

For staff members' children who are five years of age and older who will be present for the Carol Sing on December 22, the Library of Congress Professional Association, under the auspices of Mrs. Daniel J. Boorstin, has organized a storytelling and discovery tour from 1:15 to 1:45 p.m. Margaret Coughlan of the Children's Book Section and Sandra Hamill of the Tour Office will depart with the children from the west lobby, Ground Floor, Library of Congress Building promptly at 1:15. Parents should pick up their children at the main entrance by the Great Hall at 1:45 p.m.

The annual Carol Sing in the Great Hall will take place at 2 p.m. with music provided by the WRA Choral Society, under the direction of Leontine Connolly, Congressional Research Service, and the Copyright Chorale, under the direction of Joseph Miranda, Copyright Office. Some of the songs will be rendered in sign language, under the direction of Maxine Christian.

All employees of the Library and their relatives and friends are cordially invited to join in singing traditional carols. The ceremonies will include greetings from The Librarian and the introduction of outgoing and new WRA officers. Santa Claus will be present for the younger members of the audience.

The WRA Choral Society will also perform in the conference room at the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped at 10 a.m. on December 22. Portions of the concert will be in sign language.

Library employees are reminded that holiday observances in divisions should take place following the program and should not extend beyond 4:30 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY HOURS GIVEN

On Sunday, January 1, 1978, all Library of Congress buildings will be closed. On New Year's Eve, December 31, the Library will offer its usual Saturday service. On Monday, January 2, the Congressional Reading Room, Law Library Reading Room, Local History and Genealogy Room, Main Reading Room, Microform Reading Room, National Union Catalog, Newspaper and Current Periodical Room, Science Reading Room, Slavic Room, Thomas Jefferson Reading Room North, and study facilities will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. All other reading rooms will be closed.

The Library of Congress Building Exhibition Halls will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both Saturday and Monday, and hourly tours will be given on those days from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Distilled beverages are not permitted, and smoking is permitted only in approved areas. Requests to bring live Christmas trees into the Library will require the approval of the safety and preparedness officer, ext. 6204. No trees, other than the one in the Great Hall, are to be lighted.

TELEBOOK READING PROGRAM LEADS RECENT NEWS FROM DBPH

Through a new Library of Congress experimental talking-book system, recorded books are being transmitted electronically to individual blind and physically handicapped readers in their homes within minutes of a telephone call. The free service is available 24 hours a day.

A special receiver connected to cable television lines gives instant access to biographies, mysteries, gothic novels, children's titles, and nearly all other kinds of books ordinarily offered by public libraries. The program is available in the Columbus, Ohio, area.

According to Frank Kurt Cylke, chief of the Li-

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SPECIAL VIEWING OF EXHIBIT HELD

Mr. and Mrs. Lessing J. Rosenwald attended a special viewing of "Printed on Vellum" on Tuesday, November 22. The exhibit is drawn chiefly from the Library's Rosenwald Collection. It consists of 40 outstanding examples of 15th- to 20th-century printing on vellum.

Mr. Rosenwald talks with Lois Fern (left), the editor of the new edition of the catalog of the Rosenwald Collection, and Starr Siegele (right) of the Alverthorpe Gallery.

Mrs. Daniel J. Boorstin (left), and Charles Blitzer, assistant secretary of the Smithsonian Institution for history and art, greet Mr. Rosenwald.

"Printed on Vellum" will remain on view in the Library's Great Hall through February 1. A full account of the exhibit and accompanying catalog appeared in the November 25 issue of the LC *Information Bulletin* (p. 787).

AFC HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

The American Folklife Center held an open house in its new offices, Room G104D of the Library of Congress Building, on Friday afternoon, December 2.

Guests at the open house (in the photograph above, left to right) included William Welsh, The Deputy Librarian of Congress; Elliott Finley, chief, Central Services Division; Donald Curran, The Assistant Librarian; Eleanor Sreb, special assistant to the assistant librarian for American and library studies; and Jean Tucker, assistant information officer.

Also among the visitors (photograph below) were Arthur Lieb, Office of The Assistant Librarian, and Gerald Maddox, Prints and Photographs Division (in the foreground) and (to the left) Mr. Curran, Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin, and Catherine Morales of the Personnel Office.

Snack Bar employee Yvonne Chandler and Doris Craig of the American Folklife Center (top photograph) look at slides from the center's folklife projects in Chicago, Ill., and in south Georgia on a new slide viewer; Stephanie Everett of the American Law Division is in the background.

Sampling ethnic foods at the open house (photograph above) were Mrs. Sreb, Peter Bartis and Paula Johnson of the American Folklife Center, Beverly Brannan of the Prints and Photographs Division, Barbara Coons of the office of the assistant librarian for American and Library studies, and Elena Bradunas of the center.

Photographs on this page are by Carl Fleischhauer, AFC.

TELEBOOK READING PROGRAM LEADS RECENT NEWS FROM DBPH

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brary's Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Telebook offers readers "immediate access to the latest and most popular talking book titles which could take two years or more to obtain through the regular Library of Congress mail distribution system." Telebook also offers, he says, "a convenient means of listening and eliminates the ordering and returning of books by mail."

In launching the service on December 1, Mr. Cylke cited the large number of cable television subscribers and the cooperation of area agencies as reasons for selecting Columbus.

Blind or physically handicapped individuals who already participate in the Library of Congress free reading program and have access to cable television may use Telebook. A home hook-up to the cable line and installation of a specially modified FM radio receiver are provided. Readers simply call the Telebook Center any time of the day, any day of the week. They ask to hear a specific book and an operator gives radio tuning instructions. Shortly thereafter, the selection will be heard over one of 40 special tape players located at the center. The readers listen for as long as they wish.

By notifying the operator when they want to stop reading, readers can pick up later where they left off. Readers can also browse the collection of recorded books as they might in a nearby book store. They just listen to the first few minutes to see if they are interested.

Telebook has been developed by the MITRE Corp. under contract to the Library of Congress. Cooperating agencies include the Public Library of Columbus and Franklin County, Ohio, the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, the State Library of Ohio, the Cleveland Public Library Regional Library for the Blind, the Telephone Pioneers, and three cable television firms—All-American, Co-Axial, and Warner/Qube.

LUNCHEON SERIES BEGUN

The staff of DBPH has inaugurated a series of luncheon meetings as a means of establishing regular contacts with agencies and organizations in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area in order to share ideas and information about research and development projects, new services rendered, computer data bases, and similar information sources having direct impact on handicapped persons. Thirty-five organizations were represented at the first luncheon held on November 9. It is hoped that the meetings will lead to a viable consortium of public and private agencies and organizations serving various groups of handicapped individuals.

The keynote speaker was Dennis R. Wyant, special assistant to the administrator of veteran affairs. He reported on a recent international conference concerning continuing needs of the war-blinded and examples of research and development projects sponsored or encouraged by the Veterans Administration.

DBPH IN NOVEL

The free reading program for blind and physically handicapped individuals administered by the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped is incorporated in William Safire's latest book, *Full Disclosure*. In this novel, a blind president keeps up with literature—particularly Twain and Melville—through talking books furnished by the Library of Congress.

LCPA OFFERS 1978 CALENDAR

Photographs taken by five members of the Library of Congress staff are illustrated in a new 1978 calendar designed by Jane Knaus, Information Office, for the Library of Congress Professional Association. This wall calendar, thought to be the first such publication illustrating the Library of Congress Building and grounds, includes images selected from the work of Nancy Benco of the Information Office, Alan Fern of the Research Department, Baiba Garoza and Patrick Frazier of the General Reference and Bibliography Division, and Robert Lisbeth of the Prints and Photographs Division.

Each of the 12 photographs measures approximately seven by eight inches. The 1978 Library of Congress Calendar may be purchased in person for $3.50 at the Library's Information Counter, or ordered by mail for $4.10 (including postage) from the Library of Congress Professional Association, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540. Mail orders must be prepaid.

SCHOLARS' ACTIVITIES REPORTED

Several scholars using the study facilities at the Library of Congress have recently published books or articles or spoken at conferences. Several recently reported activities are described below.

Recent Program Crossover graduates in the Congressional Research Service celebrated their successful completion of the program with an informal ceremony in the office of Gilbert Gude, CRS director, on December 2. Seen above are (left to right) William H. Cromartie, library technician in the Congressional Reference Division; Elizabeth J. Guarisco, analyst in social sciences in the Science Policy Research Division; Mr. Gude; Sula P. Richardson, analyst in American national government in the Government Division; and Roslyn D. Roberts, analyst in Latin American affairs in the Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division.

Part of the Library's Affirmative Action plan, Program Crossover competitively selects nonprofessional Library staff members for paraprofessional or professional trainee positions. Through on-the-job training and a rigorous academic schedule at one of the local colleges or universities, their skills and knowledge are developed to the point where they can cross over to full-fledged professional or paraprofessional positions subject to the CRS career service promotion plan.

The graduates' supervisors and division chiefs were also present for the ceremony on December 2 in Mr. Gude's office.

The University of Courage: A History of the Hadley School for the Blind, by Donald Wing Hathaway, was published by the Hadley School for the Blind, Inc. Mr. Hathaway was president of the school from 1969 to 1975.

Claire R. Sherman, a member of the Scholars' Committee, has recently published "The Queen in Charles V's *Coronation Book:* Jeanne de Bourbon and the *Ordo ad reginam benedicendam*" in the 1977 *Viator, Medieval and Renaissance Studies* (Vol. 8, pp. 255-98, plus 10 pages of illustrations) and "Some Visual Definitions in the Illustrations of Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics* and *Politics* in the French Translations of Nicole Oresme" in the September issue of *Art Bulletin* (Vol. LIX, pp. 220-30). In addition to these publications, she participated in a workshop on "Iconography as a Basis for Women's History" sponsored by the International Conference on Women's History at the University of Maryland and held November 18.

Vernon Gras will deliver a paper entitled "Myth and Reconciliation: Jung and Levi-Strauss" for the New Literary Study Seminar at the Modern Language Association meeting in Chicago, Ill., in December.

The Common Law Zone in Panama: A Case Study In Reception, by Wayne Bray, was reviewed in the October issue of *Foreign Affairs,* and cited as being "witty and erudite . . . the content sparkles with insight. Essential reading for those who wish to understand the roots of current U.S.-Panamanian negotiations."

Jessica Lee, who has had a study desk for several

years, is now the editor of a bimonthly newsletter published by the Red Cross entitled "Update." Mrs. Lee, who has written many short stories and articles, is currently working on a book about Antonio Francesco Lisboa, known as "O Aleijadin," a Brazilian sculptor and architect of colonial times.

Lina Gitter, renowned teacher, lecturer, and trainer in the Montessori method, presented a paper entitled "Development of the Self-Concept of the Socially Retarded: A Lesson for the Mentally Retarded" this past July in Rio de Janeiro at the Latin American Montessori Congress. In October, she participated in a workshop for the Washington Association for the Education of Young Children, speaking on the topic of "Children with Special Needs." *Academic Theory* recently published her article on "Basic Geometric Shapes and Reading," and in addition to these activities, Mrs. Gitter has been appointed to the advisory board of the recently organized National Center for Montessori Education, a Montessori training program which offers a master's degree through American University.

Susan Sheehan, author of *A Welfare Mother* (published in the New Yorker in September 1975 as a Profile piece, in 1976 as a book by Houghton Mifflin, and subsequently in paperback by New American Library), has just published a three-part series in the New Yorker entitled "A Prison and a Prisoner." This piece will also be published in hardcover by Houghton Mifflin next spring. The author, who has had a desk intermittently in the Library for several years, is the recipient of both a Ford Foundation grant and a Guggenheim fellowship.

William M. Holton, who in 1977 received a "Golden Pen" prize for translation from the Sixth International Symposium of Literary Translators, has scheduled for publication 1978 by the University of Pittsburgh Press *The New Polish Poetry: A Bilingual Collection.* Published earlier this year by the same press was *Reading the Ashes: An Anthology of the Poetry of Modern Macedonia.*

Louise M. Young, professor emerita, American University, is currently working on biographies of Ruth Bryan Owen (Rohde) and Belle Sherwin for the first supplement of *Notable American Women,* to be published in the spring by Radcliffe College. She is also the author of "Women's Place in American Politics: The Historical Perspective 1636-1900," which appeared in the *Journal of Politics* (Fall 1976), and was later published as a special bicentennial issue in hardback by the University Press of Virginia.

Dorothy Ross, an assistant professor of history on leave from Princeton University, has presented a paper "Academic Social Thought in the 1880's: The Influence of Socialism on the Transformation of American Liberalism" at a number of recent seminars, including the Johns Hopkins University Seminar, the Smithsonian Institution Seminar on Nineteenth-Century History, and the Social Science History Association meeting in Ann Arbor, Mich., all in October. She will present another paper, "The Liberal Tradition in America Revisited, and the Republican Tradition in America Addressed," at the Wingspread Conference on American Intellectual History this month. Both papers were researched and written at the Library of Congress.

STAFF NEWS

DEATH OF A STAFF MEMBER

Thomas J. Millett, a senior braille production assistant in the Production Section of the Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, died in Providence Hospital on December 1 from a cerebral hemorrhage.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Millett came to the Washington area in 1943. Before he started working at the Library of Congress in 1961, Mr. Millett held positions at the Washington Institute of Technology, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and Goodwill Industries. In addition to his work at the division, Mr. Millett was an active musician and played the accordian, piano, flute, clarinet, and saxophone.

Mr. Millett is survived by his daughter and a brother.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Appointments: Elizabeth Beall, clerk-typist, GS-4, P&S, 5127; Julianne Beall, decimal classification specialist, GS-9, DC, 5145; Marilyn Biery, research production assistant, GS-9, CRS F, 4939; Andrea Buczek, cash accounting clerk, GS-4, FMO, 5026; William Coale, research analyst, GS-9, FRD, 4726; Brenda Hemingway, assistant editor of catalog publications, GS-9, Cat Publ, 4995; Linda McPhatter, clerk-typist, GS-3, Cat Publ, OP 8-500; Donna Muhlert, payroll clerk, GS-4, FMO, 5040; Barbara Phillips, technical information specialist, GS-9, ISO, 5150; Bruce Thompson, research analyst, GS-7, FRD, 4808.

Temporary Appointments: Lillian Baker, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 4-600; Gwendolyn Gist, reading room assistant, GS-2, S&R, OP 6-600; Donald Hill, library aid, GS-1, S&R, NP; Ricky Jarrett, library aid, GS-1, S&R, NP; Keith Minter, library aid, GS-1, Ord, NP; Jon Sellin, bibliographer,

GS-9, CRS L, 5032; Jerome Turner, reading room assistant, GS-2, S&R, OP 6-600; Raymond Williams, deck attendant, GS-3, S&R, OP 4-600.

Reappointment: Ann Miller, secretarial assistant, GS-5, Ov Op, 5094.

Temporary Reappointment: Karen Oram, reference librarian, GT-9, LAPS, NP.

Promotions: Daniel Broderick, to shipment clerk (typist), GS-4, CS, 5005; Susan Crosby, DMPO, to bibliographic assistant, GS-5, CRS L, 5021; Phyllis Jones, to assistant supervisor, camera unit, GT-7, Photodup, 5083; Marsha Kessler, MARC Dev, to examining and processing technician, GS-6, Cop Lic, 5122; Anthony Magri, S&R, to clerk, GS-4, CRS C, 4980; John E. Martin, Jr., Cop Ref, to examining and processing specialist, GS-9, Cop Lic, 5123; Philip Melzer, to descriptive cataloger, GS-9, Desc Cat, 4988; Mary Yarnall, to charge records assistant, GS-6, Loan, 5158.

Transfers: Patricia Johnson, P&S, to examining and processing technician, GS-6, Cop Lic, 5122; Dennis Kray, Loan, to accessioner, GS-5, Ser Rec, 5100; Lucille Miser, Cop Serv, to correspondence clerk, GS-5, Cop Exam, 5089; Abdul Sayeedi, FMO, to examining and processing technician, GS-6, Cop Lic, 5122.

Resignations: Andre Brown, S&R; Paul Henderson, S&R; William Holloway, CRS L; Martha Kidd, P&S; Keith Schwamkrug, ISO; Timothy Sumrall, Cop Exam.

DELAYS IN POSTINGS TO CREDIT UNION ACCOUNTS

USERS, Inc., the company that provides computer support services to the Library of Congress Credit Union, has recently moved its operations from Baltimore, Md., to Valley Forge, Pa. The move and the ensuing staffing problems have resulted in temporary delays in the weekly delivery of trial balance printouts of Credit Union members' share and loan balances. The Credit Union management expects normal service to resume shortly and has expressed its appreciation to the Library staff for its patience and cooperation and has apologized for any inconvenience the delays may have caused.

Printouts for withdrawal purposes have been running a minimum of two weeks behind. LC staff will be kept informed through notices in the LC *Information Bulletin* of any continuing delays and of the resumption of normal service. USERS, Inc. has provided prompt and efficient service for the decade that the Credit Union has utilized the firm to provide computerized statements of members' accounts.

STAFF ACTIVITIES

Patrick Frazier, General Reference and Bibliography Division, is the author of an article entitled "The Vanity of Vanities in the Summer issue of *Educational Record*. The article discusses the background and characteristics of various vanity press publications and directories.

Sam Iftikhar, Southern Asia Section, was invited by the United States International University, San Diego, Calif., to read a research paper on Dr. Sir Muhammad Iqbal, the poet-philosopher of the East. The title of Mr. Iftikhar's paper was "Iqbal on Human Rights." The international conference, held on November 19-20 at the university, celebrated the 100th anniversary of the birth of Iqbal.

John A. Wolter, assistant chief, Geography and Map Division, gave an illustrated lecture dealing with the services and collections of the division at a meeting of the Washington Club on November 22.

Invitees attending a two-day Conference on November 15 and 16 on religious meaning and political action, sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, included Congressional Research Service Director **Gilbert Gude**; **Robert L. Chartrand**, senior specialist in information services; and **Charles H. Whittier**, specialist in humanities and religion. The meetings were part of a continuing center project made possible by a grant from the Lilly Endowment and conducted with the cooperation of Sen. Mark Hatfield and Rep. Albert Quie to bring together religious thinkers, political leaders, and substantive experts. The sessions dealt with pluralistic religious traditions and the common good, with specific reference to the relevance of religious values to the forthcoming revision of the Communications Act of 1934. Panelists included Carl F. H. Henry, Douglas Strum, Charles E. Curran, Eric Barnouw, and Michael Novak.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Training Office** has announced the following in-house courses, prepared exclusively for LC employees. Attendance must be job-related, and nominations must be submitted by the individual's supervisor using Optional Form 170, *Request, Authorization, Agreement and Certification of Training*. Supervisors should note nomination deadlines. Nominations for scheduled courses will not be accepted after the specified nomination deadline, except when the

course is undersubscribed. Further information may be obtained by calling the Training Office on ext. 6348 or by referring to the annual *Catalog of Course Offerings, September 1977 through September 1978.*

Course Title	*Dates*	*Nomination Deadline*
Transactional Analysis for Organizations	1/25-27	1/11
Spanish	1/30-5/3	1/13
Effective Letterwriting for Managers	2/6-17	1/20
Italian	2/13-5/17	1/27
Supervision and Group Performance	2/13-17	1/30

The **Graduate School of the U.S. Department of Agriculture** has issued its 1978 Winter Quarter Courses schedule. The catalog contains hundreds of day, evening, and correspondence courses in job-related and leisure subjects. Further information or schedules of classes are available either from the Library of Congress Training Office or the Graduate School, South Agriculture Building, Room 1031, Washington, D.C. 20250, tel. (202) 447-4419. In-person registration for USDA Graduate School courses will be held on January 3-7 in the USDA Patio, Independence Ave. between 12th and 14th Sts. S.W., between 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. weekdays and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. Registration will also be held in the Ground Floor west lobby of the Library of Congress Thomas Jefferson Building on Thursday, January 5, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

A schedule of classes for Spring 1978 for the College of General Studies, George Washington University, **Federal After-hours Off-campus Education Program** is also now available. Registration for these courses will take place in Conference Rooms, A, B, and D, off the lobby of the Department of Commerce Building, 14th St. and Constitution Ave. N.W., between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, January 4 and 5. A catalog is available from the College of General Studies, George Washington University, 706 20th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20052.

On Tuesday, December 20, the **American Red Cross** will provide blood donors transportation to and from its headquarters at 2025 E St. N.W. at 9, 10, and 11 a.m. and 12 noon. This is a special pre-Christmas bloodmobile to provide the community with blood reserves needed during the critical shortage periods which occur during the holidays. Interested staff members should register with keyworkers in their respective divisions as soon as possible. The Red Cross van will be parked behind the Library of Congress Building and donors should board five minutes before departure time. In accordance with LCR 2015-17.4, all donors may be granted a maximum of four hours excused absence, which includes actual time giving blood and a rest and recuperative period immediately following. The time of donation must be approved by the supervisor and a Form 13-73a (Blood Donation Verification) must be submitted to the supervisor following donation. Arrangements for blood replacement for Library personnel and members of their families may be made by calling Audrey H. Parsons, Health Services Office, ext. 6053.

The following are the new officers of the **Library of Congress Welfare and Recreation Association**: president, Beatrice Branch, Division for the Blind and Physically Handicapped; vice president (president-elect, 1979), Johnsie Smalls, Reader Services Department; treasurer, Alfredda Payne, Latin American, Portuguese, and Spanish Division; correspondence secretary, Lisa Hicks, Classification Appeals Office; and recording secretary: Barbara Killian, Research Acquisitions Office.

The **Library of Congress Professional Association** recently elected officers for 1978. The winners are president, Nancy Davenport, Library Services Division; vice president, Huey Cole, Disbursing Office; treasurer, Everett Johnson, Loan Division; and secretary, Robyn Levine, Library Services Division.

In elections held on October 28, the following were elected by members of the **Law Library of Congress United Association of Employees** (LLCUNAE) as officers for the 1977/1978 term: president, John Roberts; vice president, Richard Greenfield; treasurer, William Reese, secretary, Mya Saw Shin. In subsequent division/section elections, the following were elected steward for the same term of office: Gerard Dault, American-British Law Division; DeSalles Nelson, Processing Section; Kanan Peter, Near Eastern and African Law Division; Sandra Sawicki, Hispanic Law Division; Donna Strahan, Far Eastern Law Division; and Jeanne Temple, European Law Division.

APPENDIX

A REPORT ON THE NINTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CARIBBEAN UNIVERSITY, RESEARCH, AND INSTITUTIONAL LIBRARIES

Willemstad, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles, November 6-12, 1977

The Association of Caribbean University, Research, and Institutional Libraries held its ninth annual meeting (ACURIL IX) jointly with the Caribbean Archives Association (CAA) at the Curaçao Holiday Inn in Willemstad, Curaçao, Netherlands Antilles. The two organizations held separate business meetings but met together for formal and program sessions and for a series of evening social events. Maritza F. Eustatia, Wetenschappelijke Bibliotheek and president of the Curacaose Archief Bibliotheek en Documentatie Vereniging (CABIDOV), presided over the opening ceremony. She thanked her colleagues and the officials and organizations whose support had made the conference possible and cited the benefits the meeting should bring to librarians and archivists. Rose Marie de Paula, Openbare Bibliotheek, described new quarters planned for the public library and its services to children and schools, now expanding through a series of branches. She emphasized the special responsibilities of librarians in developing areas. Alexander F. Paula, Centraal Historisch Archief, hailed the opportunities for professional enrichment afforded through the exchange of views and experiences. He cited the role of librarians and archivists in the development and preservation of knowledge and their related responsibilities as custodians, managers, and distributors of information. Speaking in English, French, and Spanish, S. G. M. Rozendal, Prime Minister of the Netherlands Antilles, voiced his deep concern for libraries and archives, calling them capital investments that paid high dividends. He expressed pleasure that the Netherlands Antilles had been chosen as the site for this joint meeting. He suggested that the conference find ways to achieve closer cooperation between librarians and archivists and to develop collections of oral history which would aid in the preservation of ideas and unifying historical heritage. He then declared the sessions open.

Gail Saunders, Archives of Bahamas and president of CAA, expressed the association's gratitude to the officials and Government of Curaçao and the Netherlands Antilles and to the International Council on Archives, which had supported attendance at this meeting. She pointed out that Caribbean archivists frequently find it easier to communicate with colleagues in Europe and North America than with their closer Carribbean counterparts. CAA members were pleased to have the opportunity to hold this interim meeting, well in advance of the third conference of Caribbean archivists, to be held in September 1979 in the Bahamas. The joint meeting would strengthen the association's ability to achieve its objectives of promoting the preservation of archives, the exchange of information on archives, and the establishment of a Caribbean center for archival training.

Kenneth E. Ingram, University of the West Indies, Jamaica, speaking as president of ACURIL, added his thanks to those who had invited ACURIL to meet in Curaçao for the second time in two years. He thanked the speaker for thoughtful remarks which had literally "stolen the thunder" of portions of the formal program to come. He considered the joint meeting a historic regional event. An invocation by the Bishop of Willemstad, Msgr. W. M. Ellis, ended the opening ceremonies. A champagne reception followed, giving participants a chance to greet old friends and make new acquaintances.

The first administrative session of ACURIL began with the president's report and the introduction of Albertina Jefferson, University of the West Indies, Jamaica, and of Yvonne V. Stephenson, University of Guyana, who have served as secretary and treasurer, respectively, during this year. Mr. Ingram described a busy term that emphasized the need for a permanent secretariat. A Committee on Planning and Research has been created, along with a separate Public Relations Committee, to be chaired by Maria Elena Arguello, Universidad Interamericana, Puerto Rico. Relations with other organizations, including SALALM (Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials), required the attention of the president and Executive Council. Consultants to the Publications Committee have been named and criteria developed for institutional membership in ACURIL. Among these consultants are William J. Cameron, University of Western Ontario; Lambros Comitas, Columbia University; David Jackson McWilliams, Casa del Libro, Puerto Rico; Jaap van Soest,

Bank of the Netherlands Antilles; Irene Zimmerman; and Carlos Victor Penna. Acknowledgment was made to UNESCO for $1,000 for publication of ACURIL VIII proceedings and to the Organization of American States for a grant of $1,400 used to cover program expenses for ACURUL IX. The treasurer's report showed 104 institutions, 3 associates, and 43 members representing 21 countries. Several libraries were dropped from membership because of nonpayment of dues. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Albertina Pérez de Rosa, a founder, past president, and former chairman of the Publications Committee, who died September 1. A large group of ACURIL members attended a special mass for her later in the week.

Daphne Harper, Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago, requested a list of committees and their memberships; lists were made available later in the week. Alan Moss, University of the West Indies, Barbados, asked whether the proposed staffing requirements for institutional membership were not too stringent. Mrs. Harper, Mrs. Cardona, and Alma Jordan, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, defended the requirement as a means of raising standards. It was suggested that personal membership requirements, presently contingent upon institutional affiliation, should be considered further by the Executive Council. Archie McNeal, University of Miami, expressed the general consensus that present members should not be disqualified by a stringent application of membership requirements.

At the second administrative session, the president of SALALM, William V. Jackson, University of Texas, received a special welcome. He brought greetings from SALALM and invited participation in SALALM XXIII, to be held in London, July 16-21, 1978, on the theme of Latin American Studies in Europe. He looked forward to close ACURIL-SALALM cooperation and congratulated Alma Jordan upon her election as SALALM vice president and president-elect.

Vice President Gustave Harrer, University of Florida, chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Bylaws, presented a report, approved by the Executive Council, and moved that the name of ACURIL be changed to Association of Caribbean University, Research, and Institutional Libraries (formerly Association of Caribbean University and Research Libraries) to describe a broader range of membership. The motion was carried and the constitutional change approved.

Michael Gill, University of the West Indies, Barbados, announced that the Committee on Planning and Research, which he chairs, would hold its first meeting during the conference. Standing committees met during the final sessions of the day. An outdoor evening reception, given by the local government, featured a colorful presentation of local dances and rhythmic songs.

The first joint program session was held on Tuesday, with Maria Elena de Cardona presiding and Arnold Coinquet, Openbare Bibliotheek, as rapporteur. Albertina Jefferson, basing her report on partial returns to her inquiries, identified the principal collections of Caribbean regional library resources. They are concentrated in the more developed regions of the Caribbean and include materials in English, Spanish, and French and tend to reflect the local language. The University of Florida Library covers all countries of the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico, in addition to Latin America. The social sciences predominate in the collection of over 120,000 monographs and serials, government documents, and maps. It subscribes to 25 Caribbean newspapers and its Rochambeau manuscripts relate to the Haitian War of Independence. The Library's catalog has been published by G. K. Hall. In Jamaica, the West India Reference Library of the Institute of Jamaica has important newspaper holdings, maps, plantation and estate plans, and other manuscripts, and is currently microfilming some of its newspapers. The University of the West Indies, Jamaica, has a broader coverage of the English-speaking Caribbean. Manuscripts of Wilson Harris and other literary figures, archival material on microfilm, and a special collection of university publications are among its special strengths. The Institute of Social and Economic Research has a collection of material on political, economic, and social change as well as manuscript and archival material. In the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Enid Baa Library in St. Thomas has a special Caribbean collection, with an emphasis on publications of the Virgin Islands, including Dutch creole and Danish materials. The College of the Virgin Islands collects material from the English-speaking islands; there is a collection of prints and photographs in the Public Library of the British Virgin Islands. The Public Library of Dominica holds material on local history and on the Caribs. In Barbados, the University of the West Indies at Cave Hill and the Public Library are legal depositories, and have collections of regional literature emphasizing Barbados. The Public Library contains archival and miscellaneous manuscripts while the Library of the Barbados Museum and Historical Society has col-

lected maps, diaries, letterbooks, local genealogical materials, and a collection of colored prints. The Caribbean Development Bank and the Central Bank of Barbados have material on Colombia and Venezuela as well as Barbados. The University of the West Indies at St. Augustine, Trinidad, holds material on the former Confederation of the West Indies and materials, including newspapers, monographs, and documents, on Trinidad and Tobago. Its catalog of the agriculture collection, based on the collections of the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture, has been printed by G. K. Hall. The Library is also a legal depository. The West Indies collection of the Central Library of Trinidad and Tobago, another depository, should not be overlooked. The University of Guyana collects material from all of the Caribbean Islands, Belize, Surinam, and French Guiana. Through a National Commission, it is enlarging its collection of research material on Guyana, which already holds collections of early works, material on flora of the Caribbean, early imprints, and medical works. The Guyanan National Library collects English-language and local material. The CARICOM (Caribbean Community) Library concentrates on documents on Caribbean integration. In Curaçao the Openbare Bibliotheek (the Public Library) and the Wetenschappelijke Bibliotheek (Scientific Library) are the principal libraries. The Public Library issues a quarterly accessions list and collects maps and prints along with other materials in English and local languages. The Scientific Library collects scientific materials from all areas of the Caribbean and houses a union catalog of the Library collections of the Netherlands Antilles. Alma Jordan presented a paper on "Library Resources Sharing with Special Reference to Caribbeana," with primary attention to the English-speaking Caribbean, the Commonwealth territories, and the United States Virgin Islands. She reviewed ways in which cooperative acquisitions; national, regional, and special bibliographies, indexes, and accessions lists; interlibrary loans; and conferences have already contributed to resource sharing. After an analysis of library borrowing and lending of Caribbeana, she made recommendations for the future, beginning with formulation of acquisitions policy statements in terms of subject, form, and geographic coverage of material and method of acquisition. Critical assessment of holdings in the light of policy statements should follow collection development and should be coordinated within a national and regional context, in which responsibility for acquiring material is divided and assumed. Cataloging, bibliographic networks, a considerable bank of data that could be formed by bringing together existing bibliographies, citations of journal articles, indexes, and notes on difficult reference questions should be developed and shared. She proposed the formation of an ACURIL Regional Committee on Library Resources and a research and publication program for regional guides and catalogs.

Additional information on Caribbean resources was reported. Mrs. Saunders mentioned the Nassau Public Library, established in 1847, and its Bahamiana, including the collection of former Chief Justice Harcourt Malcolm. Henry Chang, Virgin Islands Bureau of Libraries, Museums, and Archeological Services, gave information on the Williams Public Library of St. Croix. He reported on *Library Resources in the Virgin Islands of the U.S.*, a new publication available upon request from the Bureau. A library demonstration network, a union list of serials, and a union catalog of 16mm films are recent activities in the Virgin Islands. Bonnie Isman, Williams Public Library, reported further on the list of films in preparation; acquisitions and interlibrary loan policy statements have been formulated. Father W. M. Brada, Bibliotheek Paters Dominicanen, described Dominican records. A fire destroyed some of these archives, increasing the need for copying records from the Vatican, Spain, the Netherlands, and Great Britain. He emphasized the importance of safeguarding public documents as part of a nation's patrimony. Daphne Harper mentioned a coin and paper money collection at the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago. Michael Gill mentioned that there was also a law library that had an important legal collection at the University of the West Indies, Barbados. The main library there is copying British Colonial Office records relating to the Bahamas and will expand its coverage to other islands. Hugh W. L. Payne, National Archives of Guyana, said that archivists should also take part in planning national information systems and projects for the repatriation of colonial records of imperial powers. He pointed out that local Caribbean archives contained much important material; local authorities should assume responsibility for its preservation. Hazel Bennett, University of West Indies, Jamaica, pointed out that the Documentation Center of the University's School of Education had a collection of material on West Indian education and had issued a bibliography on the subject which is available from Amy Robertson, School of Education UWI, Kingston 7, Jamaica. Pippa Fray, Commonwealth Library Association, referred to the notes on bibliographies in

that assiciation's *Newsletter* and stated that copies of the Jamaican NATIS (National Information Systems) plan were available. J. Van Soest, Curaçao, alluded to the private collections held by individuals, churches, and business firms and asked for help in gaining access to such material. Mrs. Harper commented that public as well as private institutions could be reluctant to share collections and information. As a historian, Dr. Van Soest felt that librarians rather than historians should prepare guides to research materials. Maria Elena Arguello de Cardona mentioned that there are more than 50,000 items in the collections of the Caribbean Regional Library and the rare and specialized material held by the University of Puerto Rico and the Universidad Interamericana. She stated that the status of the Caribbean Regional Library was uncertain and felt that there was a possibility that the Regional Library might be transferred to an institution such as the University of Puerto Rico. John Aarons, Institute of Jamaica, reported that the West India Reference Library was continuing its indexing of the *Gleaner.* Yvonne Lawrence, Jamaica Supreme Court, stated that this library wished to exchange law reports; a new publication, *Jamaica Law Reports,* is now available for exchange. Dr. Jordan reiterated the need for concerted planning on resources by librarians and archivists and the obligation to be responsive to public demand for information. Maria Auxiliadora de Fraíno, Universidad de Carabobo, stated that the University's Faculty of Law was forming a Hemeroteca Juridica, equipped with photoduplication facilities and the the library also wished to establish exchanges with other libraries.

The Tuesday afternoon joint program session was presided over by President Saunders, CAA, with Christine Matthews, Bahamas Department of Archives, as rapporteur. Hugh W. L. Payne presented portions of a paper, distributed to all participants, by Clinton V. Black, Archives of Jamaica. Mr. Payne referred to Mr. Black's recognized leadership in Caribbean archives and voiced agreement with his paper on "Preserving Books and Records." Its warnings on the harmful effects of heat, light, humidity, insects, rodents, molds, and fungi underlined his contention that the best way to preserve archives was to create favorable storage conditions. Frazer G. Poole, Library of Congress, continued the session with a paper on the "Conservation of Library and Archives Materials," emphasizing the common sense measures within the power of enlightened librarians and archivists. Use of acid free containers and folders, protective boxes, storage conditions that avoided undue physical strain and excessive changes in temperature and humidity, and cleaning and deacidification of leather bindings were among the measures advocated. Methods and equipment for measuring levels of acid, humidity, and temperature were explained through actual demonstrations or photographic slides, projected by Charles G. LaHood, Library of Congress. Mr. Poole distributed sets of Library of Congress Preservation Leaflets and invited participants to ask to be placed on the mailing list for future numbers. Helen Rowe, Archives of Bermuda, and Lucrecia Toledo, Universidad Central de Venezuela, asked about the use of the archivist's pen to measure levels of acid and the treatment of damaged leather. Mr. Poole preferred to use chemical testing paper and knew of no way to reclaim leather that has badly deteriorated. He demonstrated the cleaning and treatment of leather with a mixture of lanolin and neat's-foot oil. Kenneth Ingram asked about the technical training required for preservation work. A knowledge of chemistry is essential for work in conservation. Special training is available through the University of Delaware-Winterthur Museum Conservation Program, the Graduate Program of the New York State University at Cooperstown, N.Y., and the Conservation Center of the Fine Arts Institute, New York University. The Library of Congress Preservation Office trains many of its own personnel. Christine Matthews emphasized obtaining administrative support for preservation measures and referred to the competition between U.S. and European technology and equipment. Mr. Poole reported that acid-free papers and containers were available only in the United States and noted that he did not advocate the use of certain chemicals commonly used in Europe. Roman Pichardo Almonte, Universidad Católica Madre y Maestra, raised a question about control of the environment. Mr. Poole stated that even in the absence of air conditioning, buildings could be screened, electric fans and windows could be judiciously managed, and animals and insects controlled. Sealers can cut down on the damp-inducing capillary action in masonry walls and room air-conditioners placed in small rooms to protect rare materials. He demonstrated polyester film encapsulation, a measure he considers superior to lamination for archival preservation. Lamination involves temperature and chemical changes that can be injurious and may be an irreversible process. The protective qualities of polyester film and example of pages repaired by the leaf-casting methods were also demonstrated. An informal

gathering at the Fort Nassau Restaurant, located in an old fort, ended the day.

On Wednesday morning a joint session was led by Henry Chang, with Johanna M. Cratz, Centraal Bureau Reg. en Archiefzaken, serving as rapporteur. Dr. Chang introduced Charles G. LaHood, Library of Congress, who opened his talk on "Photoduplication in the Service of Libraries with Particular Reference to Preservation," with the statement that if librarians could be considered the greatest enemies of library and archival materials, microphotographers could be said to run a close second. Microfilming could be done under two sets of circumstance, one in which the original material is to be preserved and a second in which the intellectual content is retained in microform and the original destroyed without loss of research values. He showed slides depicting equipment such as book-boxes or cradles and special camera prisms for holding or photographing material without subjecting it to harmful stress. It is important to have a staff committed to the safety of rare materials. Policy considerations may involve weighing damage caused by filming against that caused by repeated use of fragile originals. A master negative must be retained. He cited policy statements formulated by the Association of College and Research Libraries in the United States and the British Library Reference Division. He also cited the statement developed by the International Colloquim on the Conservation and Reproduction of Manuscripts and Antiquarian Printed Books held in Vatican City in 1975. Mr. LaHood replied to a query from Gail Saunders by stating that lower cost equipment could frequently be contrived and offered to supply photographs. William V. Jackson asked about the determining factors in a decision to retain an original work, a decision usually made by specialists. Mr. LaHood and Mr. Poole described the Library of Congress Brittle Books Program in which certain pictorial portions of an original work may be retained. In the case of prints and photographs, conventional photographs are used. Hazel Bennett asked when microfilming was used in lieu of other photoduplication. Microfilm is preferred, he answered, when several copies are made and when space is a prime consideration. Mr. LaHood advocated using 35mm film and cited special uses of microfiche for multiple copies. Daphne Ottley Harper mentioned statistical reports filed with the Central Bank of Trinidad and Tobago that were deteriorating and were prime candidates for microfilming, except for the fact that the courts do not accept microfilm as legal evidence. It was suggested that efforts be made to modity the law. Information on sources of equipment was requested and Mr. LaHood indicated that there were sources for new and used equipment.

Reports on microfilming in countries of the Caribbean followed. Helen Rowe's account described the microfilming services of the Bermuda Archives to all units of the government. A newspaper project initiated by the Bermuda Public Library continues at the archive and parish records and books of wills are among the material filmed and copied on demand. She also outlined the equipment, staff, and storage arrangements (in a bank vault) at the Bermuda Archives.

John A. Aarons described projects in Jamaica. The West India Reference Library, the Jamaica Archives, and the University of the West Indies have microfilmed Jamaican newspapers, government records, and other source material on the former British territories of the Eastern Caribbean. The lack of training facilities for staff and the lack of equipment needed to make positive microfilms from the master negative have been among the technical problems faced in a situation where space limitation have been severe. A project whereby a commercial firm would take over the microfilming of newspapers that do not exist on microfilm and have a market value is planned at the West India Reference Library. Closer cooperation and pooling of equipment among the three agencies with microfilm programs may offer solutions to some of their common problems.

Maria Auxiliadora Fraino de Iribarren, Biblioteca Nacional, Venezuela, presented a paper on the "Microfilming of Bibliographic Documents in Venezuela" on behalf of Morris Matza of the Venezuelan Comision Nacional SINASBI (Sistema Nacional de Servicios de Bibliotecas e Informacion Humanistica, Cientifica y Tecnológica). Microfilm projects have been undertaken in order to preserve and protect original materials, to duplicate and distribute copies, and to solve space and storage problems. The three institutions that have been active in microfilming are the Archivo General de la Nacion, where series of historical archives of the colonial period have been filmed as the first part of a long-range project; the Centro de Estudios Latinoamericanos "Romulo Gallegos" where out of print monographs and runs of rare journals have been filmed; and the Instituto Autonomo Biblioteca Nacional y Servicios de Bibliotecas, which will film periodicals of the 19th century, materials lacking in the Biblioteca Nacional, and those found in the Archive Historico of the Biblioteca Nacional. The last agency is preparing to microfilm

the newspaper *El Universal* as part of an exchange project with the Library of Congress. A coordinated national program following high technical standards is being developed. Evert VanLaar, Algemeen Rijksarchief, reported on "Archives and Micrography in the Netherlands." Dutch archivists have used micrography to safeguard government records, to preserve official records, and to copy foreign archives. Both 16 and 35mm microfilm are used, with diazo copies preferred for reading copies. Both microfiche and microfilm are used. Extensive programs are now underway whereby Dutch records and those of present and former overseas territories are microfilmed and transferred. Cooperative training arrangements also are maintained. A paper by H. M. Pieters-Kwiers, Centraal Historisch Archief, covered "Microfilming at the Central Historical Archives of Curacao" where the microfilm section serves all government departments. Vital statistics, correspondence files and journals, personnel, and other files have been filmed. Colonial archives taken from Curaçao to the Netherlands earlier in this century are scheduled for microfilming, beginning in October 1978, for return to the Netherlands Antilles.

Henry Chang described the development and present state of "Microfilming in the Virgin Islands," where a staff of seven working with a wide array of photographic equipment films government records including vital statistics, legislative and financial records, newspapers of the Virgin Islands, and Danish historical documents of the Virgin Islands. The laboratory also performs other photographic services. It was pointed out that only silver halide film (not diazo film) can produce film that meets archival standards.

Kenneth Ingram called a work by ACURIL member Mariano Morales-Lebron, *Diccionario juridico segun la jurisprudencia del Tribuno Supremo de Puerto Rico,* to the attention of the group.

At the afternoon session, Charles G. LaHood spoke on "Photoduplication in the Service of Disseminating Information." Kenneth Ingram presided and Albertina Jefferson served as rapporteur. Mr. LaHood began by explaining that preservation programs can develop into micropublication programs, when several microfilm copies are prepared and the cost of the master negative is shared by all who purchase positive films. A series of slides showed steps involved in preservation and other microfilming programs including collation and assembling of complete runs, preparation of bibliographic information, preparation and cutting of originals that are not to be retained, and the final checking of pagination against the film. Storage cabinets, reading rooms, and equipment, actual and ideal, were also shown. Photocopying in lieu of lending has become a regular feature of interlibrary cooperation. The U.S. copyright law that becomes effective January 1 will bring some changes, particularly to libraries that are not open to the public and that cannot be considered not-for-profit. The new law contains a fair use provision, but warning notices will have to be posted at copying machines to meet copyright requirements.

Mr. LaHood believed that indexing and retrieval of information from microfilm files are still beyond the capacities of many libraries. Factors such as the size of the file, quality and form of the original, color and quality of ink, and the organization of the material determine the most appropriate types of indexing. Slides demonstrated flash target coding, odometer indexing, and sequential eye-visible frame numbers as suitable for indexing roll film. Other types of coding such as color coding can be used for microfiche and other unitized microforms. Forms of image count or "blip" coding and photo-optical coding were also shown. Heriberto Lopez, Colegio Universitario de Humacao, voiced his concern over the damage caused by photocopying machines. It was suggested that in some circumstances such damage is better than exposing material to theft or mutilation because photocopying is not permitted. Jeanette Allis, V.I. Bureau of Libraries, Museums, and Archaeological Services, asked about the comparative virtues of microfilm and microfiche. The latter is considered suitable for an edition of 25 to 50 copies, but it was pointed out that microfiche was more expensive and made camera errors more difficult to correct. A Curaçao dinner and musical accompaniment at a private club completed the day's program.

On Thursday morning participants formed groups organized by language and discussed the programs on resources, preservation, and microfilming. Edna Arrivillaga de Elzcategui, Universidad Central de Venezuela, Maria Auxiliadora Fraíno de Iribarren, Helen Rowe, Hazel Bennett, and Blanca Hodge, Philipsburg Jubilee Library, St. Maarten, reported back to the joint session. General concern was voiced about special training for work in preservation and photoduplication, standards for storage and production of film, basic photographic equipment, the preparation of guides to resources, interlibrary cooperation and lending, and cooperation between librarians and archivists. Full support was given to Alma Jordan's earlier recommendations. Hazel Bennett urged the setting of priorities in developing

collections, based upon existing regional library holdings. Combined buying missions and sharing of human resources through interchange of persons and cooperative microfilming projects were advocated. Joel Benjamin, University of Guyana, recommended a systematic and coordinated plan for sharing costs of copying material from the British Public Record Office and for acquiring other needed materials. The Dutch-speaking group urged the formulation of statutory bases and the exchange of information on acquisitions for librarians and archivists, passage of legal deposit laws, regional microfilming centers, formulation and dissemination of standards for the preservation of library and archival materials, and the formation of a group representing both ACURIL and CAA to work toward these goals. Maria Elena Arguello de Cardona pointed out that *Caribbean Bibliography,* issued by the Caribbean Regional Library, contained information on the locations of listed titles. Mr. LaHood suggested that the recommendation of the 1975 Vatican Conference on the copying of materials should be endorsed.

Dr. Harrer urged all voting delegates to attend the Friday morning business meeting and outlined the procedures covering elections and nominations. After an afternoon free for informal consultations, participants were treated to a wine and cheese party.

ACURIL delegates assembled for a report of the Nominating Committee, consisting of Gustave Harrer, chairman, Rafael Delgado, University of Puerto Rico, and Michael Gill. The following persons were nominated for Executive Council: Daphne Harper, University of the West Indies, Jamaica; Angela Margarida Ruiz de Nieves, Colegio Universitario de Humacao, and Maxine Willims, Central Bank of Barbados. Daphne Harper then nominated Yvonne Stephenson, Edna Arivillaga de Elcatzcategui, and Mariano Morales-Lebron. Following a second to these nominations, the nominations were closed. Ana Olivia Marin Gomez, Allan Moss, and Maritza Eustatia were asked to serve as tellers. Dr. Harrar then named Maritza Eustatia, chairman, Alma Jordan, and Ana Olivia Marin Gomez to serve on the Nominating Committee for the coming year.

Reports of the standing committees were then presented. Neida Pagan, chairman, reported for the Publications Committee. It had met five times and published five issues of ACURIL's *Carta Informativa.* Proceedings of ACURIL III were still in press, but copies of the *Proceedings* of ACURIL IV, entitled *La Administracion de Personal Bibliotecario en el Caribe; Documentos Oficiales,* were available to members at ACURIL IX. The *Proceedings* of ACURIL V and VI are ready for printing but are awaiting funding. Funds for the Proceedings of ACURIL VIII are available but some of the workshop papers are still lacking. The committee's recommendations were that the Executive Council should designate someone from each country to report news and contribute materials for inclusion in the *Carta Informativa,* that ACURIL and SALALM should share the information in their newsletters, that workshop and conference participants be required to turn in copies of their presentations promptly, and that organizing committees of each conference be made responsible for giving copies of all papers, in Spanish and English, to the Publications Committee.

Archie McNeal was named incoming chairman of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Arthuro Fernández, University of Puerto Rico, was named chairman of the Education Committee, and Henry Chang was appointed chairman of the Microfilming Committee. For the committee, Dr. Chang reported that the committee had met twice during the conference and will prepare a survey of the Caribbean microfilm holdings. The conference theme had shown that a survey was needed and the committee requested $200 to cover its costs. Alan Moss, chairman, reported for the Acquisitions Committee (English-speaking areas). Problems, now nearing solution and involving the handling of funds, had delayed distribution of publications under the ACURIL Cooperative Acquisitions Programme. ACURIL funds have been made available to cover starting costs and the committee hopes to be able to begin shipping titles. There was no report from the Bibliography Committee.

Shirley Evelyn reported for the Indexing Committee (English-speaking areas). Four issues of *Carindex* had been issued and Volume I, priced at $25, is now available from Miss Evelyn, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad. Funds to support publication of *Carindex* were requested by the committee, which also suggested that outside funds be sought. Daphne Harper reported that the Personnel Committee had been unable to meet but would continue its work.

Michael Gill, chairman, reported for the Planning and Research Committee. This committee will survey library legislation, covering enabling legislation, legal deposit, and copyright laws. The Law Library of the University of the West Indies, Barbados, will work on copyright legislation, and Ana Olivia Marin Gomez will survey library legislation in the Spanish-speaking

countries (except Puerto Rico). Michael Gill will prepare a standard form for statistical reporting and circulate it to the membership. The committee feels that ACURIL should serve as a coordination center for the development of NATIS. The committee will also investigate the causes of ACURIL losses in membership and will try to maintain contact with defaulting libraries whose failure to renew membership is due to lack of funds. The committee believes that follow-up on conference resolutions should be left to the ACURIL secretariat. Maria Elena Arguello de Cardona, chairman of the Public Relations Committee, described plans to make ACURIL better known through professional literature and organizations and by maintaining contact with international governmental and professional bodies. Committee members had been named; one of their first tasks will be to try to secure better coverage of ACURIL activities in the library press.

ACURIL and CAA resolutions were presented at the final joint session. Michael Gill acknowledged the aid of Evert Harry Sedoc, Surinam Ministerie van Onderwijz en Volksontwikkeling, Christine Matthews, Maria Elena Arguello de Cardona, and Carla M. Lont in preparing the resolutions. The association recorded its profound regret at the passing of Albertina Pérez de Rosa, who had contributed greatly to ACURIL. Other resolutions seconded the formal recommendations of the Publications Committee and called for cooperation with SALALM. ACURIL and CAA made a joint resolution thanking their hosts and program participants. It was resolved that ACURIL should seek support from UNESCO or other appropriate bodies for the indexing of Caribbean social science journals. Another resolution acknowledged the contribution of former librarians of the Caribbean Regional Library and urged the Government of Puerto Rico to assume responsibility for the Library or to permit its transfer to any other regional government or organization willing and able to develop the services provided by the collection. A resolution relating to the use of the term, "librarian," in addressing librarians, was modified because of sematic differences in usage of the word, which is in some places synomymous with "library assistant." The resolution to take steps to improve the image of librarians was retained. It was resolved that ACURIL should broaden its affiliations with regional and international associations. A resolution called for an ACURIL-CAA joint regional committee on resources, to which all member institutions would be urged to submit detailed policy statements covering Caribbean materials. The committee was also directed to draw up general guidelines for coordinated but differentiated activities. CAA resolutions called for continued efforts to secure training facilities in the Caribbean for archivists of the former British territories, the participation of records managers in the CAA, the use of existing facilities for the repair and preservation of archival material for technical staff training, the sharing of governmental expertise in archives with non-governmental institutions holding archival collections needing professional attention, and the alertness of all archives departments of the various territories to the possibilities of support from metropolitan countries through development programs. Discussion on the joint regional committee on Caribbean collections promised that this would be an important area of inter-professional and international cooperation.

At the closing banquet, Maria Elena Arguello de Cardona presided over the ceremonies, introducing Gail Saunders, who spoke for the CAA in thanking Meritz Eustatia, Dr. Paula, Kenneth Ingram, and Christine Matthews for their part in the archival program. President Kenneth Ingram repeated his thanks to those who had served with him and handed over his gavel of office to Gustave A. Harrer, whom he identified as an "ebullient man." Dr. Harrer, calling attention to his sober attire for the solemn occasion, felt that there was now a greater community of feeling in ACURIL and that it had reached a significant level of maturity. Members of the Executive Council were introduced, including the newly elected members: Mariano Morales-Lebron, Edna Arivillaga de Elzcategui, and Yvonne Stephenson. President Harrer announced that Rose Mesa, University of Florida, would serve as secretary and Joan Hayes, University of Puerto Rico, as treasurer during the coming year. He noted that ACURIL X would probably meet in the Bahamas in November 1978.

Ana Olivia Marin Gomez presented a farewell gift from the Executive Council to outgoing President Ingram. Maritza Eustatia expressed her pride in the historic joint meeting and introduced Lucille Haseth, who closed the occasion appropriately by reciting a poem to Curaçao, in the original Papiamento and in English translation. *[Mary Ellis Kahler]*

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